



Via Email

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Dear Preet,

Each year Common Cause/New York celebrates the achievements of outstanding New Yorkers who share our values and have worked strengthen our democracy.

We can't think of anyone more deserving of this honor at our 2016 dinner than you. You have exposed the breadth and magnitude of the corruption in Albany and punished many of those who have abused their office for their own personal gain. You heightened the demand for reform from the media, good government organizations, civic leaders, reform-minded legislators in Albany, and awakened an apathetic public.

We would be pleased to honor you for all you have done to advance the quest for honest, open, accountable government that serves the public interest.

Last year, we honored Zephyr Teachout with the Common Cause Democracy in Action Award in an inspiring evening that included Jim Sinegal, Co-Founder and former President and CEO of Costco as the recipient of the John Gardner Lifetime Achievement Award and Cornell Brooks, President and CEO of the NAACP as the recipient of the Champion of Democracy Award.

President Clinton, Ted Sorensen, Vartan Gregorian, Richard Ravitch, Leo Hindery, Charlie Rose and Seymour Hersh are among the past honorees, and Masters of Ceremonies have included Bill Moyers and Calvin Trillin.

Common Cause/New York is in the forefront of the movement for independent redistricting, campaign finance and ethics reform and corporate accountability. We were instrumental in creating New York City's successful public financing system and in exposing the influence of money on Albany politics. We have exposed the influence of corporate lobbyists on State Legislators to protect tax breaks for the real estate industry in New York City and of those using dark money contributions to influence education policy in our state. We have just released explosive research into Legislators' outside income and LLC campaign contributions.

As a result of your work and our research, we are launching a major anti-corruption campaign in key legislative districts across the state. We will utilize local media and mobilize our grassroots activists to expose the principal beneficiaries of outside income and the LLC loophole, who have voted against reform and are running for reelection in 2016.

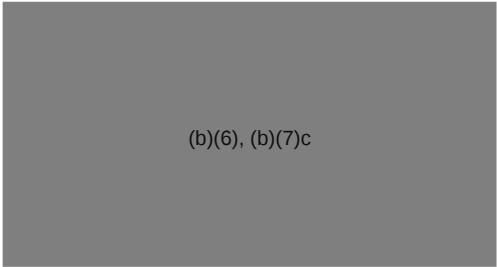
If you would like additional information on our work, we will be happy to provide it.

This year's event is tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2016 at the University Club in New York City. We have some flexibility with the date so if you accept this honor; please let us know if we need to find another date.

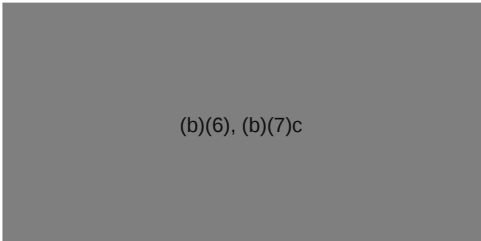
We hope you will accept this recognition, which you certainly deserve.

We will follow up with you shortly.

Regards,



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